

## Embassy of the United States of America Madrid, Spain

## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations OCTOBER 17, 2014

## **DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 17 - 24, 2014.**

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The Government Delegation in Madrid has authorized the following demonstrations.

DATE	DURATION	ORGANIZERS	PURPOSE OF PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATION	LOCATION
10/17/14	12:00 – 13:00	Fed Servicios Públicos UGT	Against cuts in social services	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía, Sevilla
10/17/14	18:00 – 20:00	Coordinadora ONG Desarrollo Espana.	To claim more assistance for the development. Cancellation of external debt etc.	Cibeles, Alcalá, Puerta del Sol
10/18/14	12:00 –14:30	Sector Federal Ferroviario SFF-CGT	Against the privatization of the Railway Sector	Glta Emperador Carlos V, Plaza Jacinto Benavente, Carretas, Puerta del Sol
10/18/14	18:00 – 19:00	Gira Madrid – Los verdes	Solidarity with the Canary Islands etc.	Puerta del Sol
10/18/14	19:00 – 21:30	Plat Octubre Trans	Depoliticizing of "Trans identities"	Fuencarral, Montera Puerta del Sol, Carretas, Plaza Jacinto Benavente
10/19/14	12:00 – 14:00	Asociaciones Vecinales de Madrid	Against the dismantling & privatization of the Public Health system etc.	Sta. Isabel 51, Atocha, Glta de Atocha.

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10/22/14	12:00 – 14:30	Sindicato de Estudiantes	Against cuts in Education etc.	Atocha, Plaza Jacinto Benavente, Carretas Puerta del Sol
10/22/14	18:00 – 20:00	Comité Empresa Fuenlabrada, Cásbega Coca - cola	Labor issues.	Plaza Callao, Preciados, Arenal, Puerta del Sol
10/23/14	12:00 – 14:30	Sindicato de Estudiantes	Against cuts in Education etc.	Atocha, Plaza Jacinto Benavente, Carretas, Puerta del Sol
10/23/14	18:30 – 21:30	Sindicato de Estudiantes	Against cuts in Education etc.	Plaza Cánovas Del Castillo, Pseo del Prado, Cibeles, Alcalá, Sevilla
10/23/14	19:00 – 20:00	Plat víctimas Impunidad Franquista	Against Franco's impunity	Puerta del Sol
10/24/14	12:00 – 13:00	Federación Servicios Públicos UGT	Against cuts in Public Services	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía, Sevilla

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review the "Traveler's Checklist" which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution as well as Country Specific Information for Spain. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

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